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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, SA  
SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: STATE 48334

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NOW IN CAIRO FOR REST OF WEEK. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PASS SUBSTANCE PARA 3 REFTEL AS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED BELOW TO PRINCE FAHD FROM SECRETARY DELETING MENTION OF EGYPT, SADAT AND FAHMY. PLEASE CONFIRM.

2. PROPOSED REVISED TEXT: I VERY MUCH HOPE THE WHOLE MATTER OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT IN MARCH CAN BE DEPT FIRMLY IN HAND SO THAT IT DOES NOT DISRUPT THE PROCESS THAT HAS BEEN SO WELL BEGUN. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO USING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO CARRY FORWARD OUR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR THE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF THE VISITS OF MIDDLE EAST LEADERS IN APRIL. WE WOULD DEEPLY REGRET IF A DIVISIVE COUNCIL MEETING HAMPERED THIS AND CAST A SHADOW OVER THESE VISITS TO WHICH WE ATTACH SUCH IMPORTANCE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD HOPE THE COUNCIL COULD LIMIT ITSELF TO CONSULTATIONS AND TO DEVELOPMENT OF A RATHER NON-SUBSTANTIVE CONSENSUS. GIVEN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTIONS, AND THEIR UNCONTROLLABILITY ONCE THEY ARE INTRODUCED, WE ARE CON-

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CERNED, IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO GO THAT ROUTE, THAT EVEN IF A RESOLUTION STARTED OUT BEING ENTIRELY NON-SUBSTANTIVE, AMENDMENTS WOULD BE ADDED WHICH WOULD AGAIN PUT US IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO OPPOSE IT. THIS WOULD NOT BE AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING FOR THE NEXT IMPORTANT STAGE OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY INVOLVING MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND KEY MIDDLE EAST LEADERS. WE WOULD REGARD A

SPECIAL UNSC MEETING AS RUNNING DIRECTLY COUNTER TO OUR  
MUTUAL EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE PEACE PROCESS. WE BELIEVE IT  
ESSENTIAL NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON THE FOREST RATHER THAN THE  
TREES, AND TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS NOT GET IN  
THE WAY OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.  
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